

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph which begins on line 14 of page 6 with the following amended paragraph:

The network herein refers to a scheme that connects at least two apparatuses and that allows one apparatus to transmit data ~~information~~ to another apparatus. The apparatuses that communicate over the network may be independent from each other or may be internal blocks that constitute one apparatus.

Please replace the paragraph which begins on line 18 of page 8 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 1 is a block diagram illustrating an exemplary configuration of an omnidirectional-image providing system according to the present invention. A network 1 may include the Internet, a LAN (local area network), and a WAN (wide area network). A server 3, which supplies image data of omnidirectional images (hereinafter referred to as "omnidirectional-image data") to user terminals 2, is connected to the network 1. In this example, while only one user terminal 2 and one server 3 are shown, arbitrary numbers of user terminals 2 and servers 3 may be connected to the network 1.